traffic, However, trains which pass through/originate from cities of tourist importance do serve the tourist traffic. Convenient train services are already available connecting important cities of Rajasthan to Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Ahmadabad. During 1995-96 the trains introduced/proposed to be introduced serving Rajasthan are:—

(i) Jaipur-Delhi Intercity Express. Jodhpur-Jaipur-Howrah Superfast (in lisu of 3111/3112 Jaipur-Sealdah Express).

(iii) Bikaner-Jaipur Intercity Express.

Besides, New Delhi-Jaipur Shatabdi Express will also be extended to Ajmer during 1995-96.

Electrification of Railway tracks in South Eastern Railways

5586. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the electrification of railway tracks in South Eastern Railway:

(b) the route kilometres covered in Orissa so far; and

(c) the year by which the entire routes under Khurda Road Division and Sambalpur Division would be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Out of total of 7161 RKM on S.E. Railway, 2876 RKM has been electrified so far.

(b) Out of total of 2002 RKM in Orissa, 408 RKM has been electrified so far.

(c) Electrification of Railway tracks on Indian Railways is a continuous process. Railway electrification projects are undertaken on techno-enonoic merits and operational requirements on a network basis. As the electrification projects are capital intensive, only high traffic density routes qualify for electrification where the rate of return on capital investment is more than the minimum prescribed limits. Therefore, no time bound plans for electrification of entire railway tracks in any State are drawn up.

Construction of Rail Line from Khurda Road to Bolangir

5587. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the construntion of the proposed line from Khurda Road to Bolangir via Phulabani in Orissa;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for that line, so far;

(c) the target date fixed for completion of construction of that line: and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 3 crores.

(c) During IXth Plan.

(d) Final location survey has been taken up. Thereafter land acquisition will be done and the construction work will be taken up once the land becomes avajlable.